(d) Yes, Sir. The representation from the All India Bread Manufacturers Association has been duly considered while arriving at the decision mentioned at (b) above.

Export of skimmed milk powder

208. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of skimmed milk powder exported to foreign countries during the last three years, country-wise;

(b) the rate of export compared to indigenous market; and

(c) the total milk production in the country and steps to boost the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Country-wise export of skimmed milk powder for the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and i 994-95 is annexed as statement (see below)

(b) APED A had fixed a cut off price of USD 2000 MT, FOB for export of milk powder in Sept. '95. The current average prices for export of skimmed milk powder are USD 2025 PMT, FOB. As per the trade sources, the prevailing domestic prices of SMP ranges between Rs. 60,000/- to Rs. 65,000/- PMT.

(c) The provisional estimated total milk production in the country during 1994-95 was 63.27 million tonnes. Government has taken various steps to increase the milk production which inter-alia include programmes under Operation Flood, Breed Improvement Programmes like Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Bull Production Programme, Fodder Development Programmes, Disease Eradication Programmes like rinderpest eradication, and assistance to States for control of animal diseases etc. In addition, States also have their own programmes and some of the private sector companies" organisations are also engaged in the programmes for increasing the milk production.

Statement

Country wise export of skimmed milk powder

(QTY : IN MT, VALUE : IN RS/LAKHS)

	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Bahrain						
Bangladesh	40.00	19.06	169.10	69.04	16.0	6.29
Belgium					1224.0	445.50
Djibouti					16.0	6.62
Malaysia					21.9	6.50
Mauritius			15.0	7.96	75.1	27.00
Nepal			0.72	0.57	16.0	6.75
Netherlands					24.0	15.85
Oman					2243.5	737.06
Philippines					15.0	6.10
Singapore	10.00	14.70			719.50	268.87
Sri Lanks			227.4	90.34	55.87	22.08
Tanzania					478.05	228.39

	1994-95		1993-94		1992-93	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
UAE			125.00	41.53		
USA					32.00	
Canada	0.09	0.02			932.50	112.00
Nigeria			22.00	13.06	78.00	358.28
						31.39
	50.15	33.78	559.24	222.52	5947.58	2178.71

209. **श्री राघवजी**: क्या जल- भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 13 दिसम्बर, 1995 को राज्य सभा में अतारकित प्रश्न 1615 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या एक्सप्रेस राजमार्गो की व्यवहार्यता का अध्ययन पूर्ण कर लिया गया हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले; और

(ग) यदि नहीं , तो इस अध्ययन के कब तक पूर्ण हो जाने की संभावना हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. राजशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) अभी यह नहीं बताया जा सकता कि अध्ययन कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा।

Indo-Ncpal Bilateral Relations

210. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taker steps to improve Indo-Nepal bilateral relations;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(c) what are the new agreements signed between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Over the last one year a series of high level exchanges have taken place beginning with the visit of the then Nepalese PM Man Mohan Adhikari and subsequent visits and exchanges of high level delegations, including the present Nepalese Prime Minister Mr. Deuba's meeting with Prime Minister in Cartagena on 18 October, 1995. Foreign Secretary visited Kathmandu for discussions from 17-19 November 1995 and EAM from 26-29 January 1996. Pursuant- to PM's invitation Prime Minister Deuba visited India from 11-17 February 1996. The Nepalese Chiefs of Army Staff and Police have also visited India in recent weeks. These exchanges have resulted in a better appreciation and understanding of each other's viewpoints and in forging closer links of cooperation.

During Prime Minister Deuba's visit, a "Treaty concerning the Integrated development of Mahakali River including Sarada Barrage, Tanakpur Barrage and Pancheshwar Project" as well as an "Agreement for construction of 22 Bridges on the Kohalpur-Mahakali section of the Mahendra Raj Marg" in Nepal, with Indian assistance, were signed.

Supplying Nuclear Weapons Technology to Pakistan

211. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: